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- 1. VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS --

COMMITTEE OF 24 ACTING CHAIRMAN ABDULAH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) INFORMED AMB MCHENRY THAT NONALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE DESIRE A "MORE BALANCED" VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS THAN FIJI, TUNISIA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. HE SUGGESTED ENLARGING THE MISSION BY ONE OR TWO MEMBERS (SPECIFICALLY YUGOSLAVIA AND/OR IVORY COAST (PROBABLY NOT WILLING TO GO, HE SAID), SIERRA LEONE, TANZANIA OR ETHIOPIA. MCHENRY TOLD HIM USG DECISION TO INVITE A VISITING MISSION TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION AND THAT NEW FACTS WOULD REQUIRE OUR RETHINKING THE QUESTION.

SUBSEQUENTLY, FIJIAN PERM REP VUNIBOBO INFORMED MISOFF THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SEEKING ENLARGEMENT OF THE MISSION ARE THOSE (EASTERN EUROPEANS AND RADICAL NONALIGNED) WHO GIVE US TROUBLE ON MILITARY BASES IN GUAM. HIS PERSONAL, CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMAL VIEW WAS THAT WE SHOULD WITHDRAW OUR INVITATION RATHER THAN ACCEDE TO REQUEST. AUSTRALIAN MISOFF FORRESTER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT "IDEOLOGICAL" CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPEDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE USG INVITATION, WHICH THE GOA VIEWS AS A VERY PROGRESSIVE STEP. HE SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO INVITE A DIFFERENT VISITING MISSION LATER, RATHER THAN ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST FOR AN ENLARGED MISSION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1104)

2. BENIN'S COMPLAINT --

AMB RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) CONTACTED WESTERN GROUP TO DISCUSS THE WORKING PAPER ON BENIN'S COMPLAINT, AND THE FIVE SUGGESTED THREE ALTERNATIVE PARAGRAPHS WHICH RAMPHUL WILL TAKE BACK TO THE WORKING GROUP. GABONESE PERM REP N'DONG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION WHEN USUN OFFERED ASSISTANCE DURING DRAFTING OF THE RESOLUTION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1109)

3. MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE --

EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PERM REP BADAWI, DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION, TOLD US EGYPT DID NOT CONSIDER THE MARCH SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE A CLOSED ISSUE. AFTER WE COUNTERED THAT EGYPT ESSENTIALLY ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSES AND THAT DISADVANTAGES IN PURSUING THIS QUESTION IN THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE APPARENT, BADAWI RESPONDED THAT EGYPT, NEVERTHELESS, WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO PURSUE THE ITEM IN THE SC AFTER COMPLETION OF THE DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1105)

4. TRAVEL OF "TFSC FOREIGN MINISTER" CHELIK --

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH/CYPRIOT OFFICE INFORMED US THAT "TFSC FOREIGN MINISTER" CHELIK PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK APRIL 16-20 AND HOPES TO ARRANGE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS AT THE UN TO PRESENT TURKISH/CYPRIOT CASE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- CONFIDENTIAL

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5. SECURITY COUNCIL -- BENIN'S COMPLAINT

CONTINUING DEBATE ON BENIN'S COMPLAINT, THE SC APRIL 13 HEARD STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MAURITANIA, CUBA, INDIA, PAKISTAN, BENIN, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND EGYPT. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED DOR 10:30 A.M., APRIL 14.

MAURITANIA -- KANE DID NOT BELIEVE THE CHARGES MADE
AGAINST SUCH COUNTRIES AS SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, GABON AND
MOROCCO IN THE PRESENT CASE. HE NOTED STATEMENTS BY A
MERCENARY DID NOT CONSTITUTE IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF CHARGES
AGAINST OTHER AFRICAN STATES, AND HE REGRETTED BENIN
HAD CIRCULATED ITS REPORT. IN HIS VIEW, IT APPEARED THAT
THE AIM OF THE IMPERIALISTS WAS TO SOW DISUNITY AMONG THE
AFRICANS. EFFECTIVE MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO END THE
THREAT OF IMPERIALIST USE OF MERCENARIES. AFRICAN
PROBLEMS, NO MATTER HOW SERIOUS, SHOULD BE DEALT WITH
IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT, THROUGH AFRICAN MACHINERY, KANE
ADDED. HE ALSO SAID THAT A "NEW THREAT TO AFRICA"
WAS EXEMPLIFIED BY EVENTS IN ZAIRE, WHERE THERE SEEMED
TO BE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT ADVANTAGE "FOR A PARTICULAR BLOC."

CUBA -- ANZARDO DECLARED THAT THE USE OF MERCENARIES FOR AGGRESSION BY "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM AND REACTION" HAD TO BE CONDEMNED, AND THE TIME HAD COME TO ADOPT AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE USE OF MERCENARIES.

THE SC SHOULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING "THOSE RESPONSIBLE" FOR THE ATTACK ON BENIN, SANCTIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED, AND COMPENSATION PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH BENIN'S JUST DEMANDS.

INDIA -- HASHMI STATED THAT THE SC SHOULD ADDRESS ITSELF CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE REPORT WHICH THE SC MISSION HAD APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, AND REACH AN APPROPRIATE DECISION. THE COUNCIL SHOULD UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMN THE JAN. 16 AGGRESSION AGAINST BENIN AND REAFFIRM ITS "ABHORENCE" OF MERCENARY ATTACKS ON SMALL, DEFENSELESS COUNTRIES. ALL STATES SHOULD HELP BENIN REPAIR THE DAMAGE DONE TO IT. HE WAS HEARTENED THAT FRANCE WAS INVESTIGATING SOME OF THE MATTERS MENTIONED AND THAT SENEGAL WAS INVESTIGATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE CAPTURED PRISONER, AND HE SUGGESTED THE TIME MIGHT WELL HAVE COME FOR STATES TO CONSIDER DOMESTIC LEGISLATION PREVENTING RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES AND ANY ASSISTANCE TO THEM.

PAKISTAN -- AKHUND SAID THE SC SHOULD CONDEMN THE AGGRESSION AGAINST BENIN, CALL ON ALL COUNTRIES NOT TO ALLOW THEIR TERRITORY TO BE USED FOR THE RECRUITMENT, SUPPORT AND SUSTENANCE OF MERCENARIES, AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST MERCENARISM SHOULD BE FORMULATED. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE DIVISIONS WHICH HAD ARISEN OVER THE BENIN COMPLAINT WOULD NOT "WEAKEN THE FABRIC OF AFRICAN UNITY."

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BENIN -- BOYA DENIED CHARGES MADE BY SOME STATES AND SAID BENIN HAD SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTED THE AFRICAN GROUP CONSENSUS. THE DOCUMENT CIRCULATED BY BENIN IN THE SC HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE MARCH 12 AS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT; THERE WAS, THEREFORE, NOTHING UNUSUAL IN ASKING FOR ITS CIRCULATION. HE DECLARED THAT IMPERIALISM AND ITS LACKEYS HAD SUFFERED A GREAT DEFEAT IN THE EYES OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IN THIS CASE. HE CHARGED THAT THE OPERATION HAD BEEN ONE OF COLONIAL RECONQUEST, AND HE HOPED THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES WOULD COOPERATE IN SHEEDING THE GREATEST POSSIBLE LIGHT ON WHAT HAD OCCURRED. HE ACCUSED THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GABON OF MAKING AN HYSTERICAL ATTACK ON BENIN, AND THE TOGOLESE REPRESENTATIVE OF INSULTING THE PEOPLE OF BENIN WHILE ACTING AS AN AGENT PROVOCATEUR. BOYA VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE HEAD OF STATE OF GUINEA.

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC -- SOURINHO SAID HIS OWN COUNTRY HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO "THE MOST BARBARIC AGGRESSION BY THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" AND FELT COMPLETE SOLIDARITY WITH BENIN. FOR STABILITY AND SECURITY, THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD HAD TO STAND TOGETHER AGAINST INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM.

SOURINHO THOUGHT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THE USE OF MERCENARIES AND THAT BENIN WAS ENTITLED TO JUST COMPENSATION.

EGYPT -- MEGUID, OBSERVING THAT MERCENARIES HAD OPERATED IN ZAIRE, GUINEA, NIGERIA, ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE, SAID THEIR USE HAD GROWN TO BE "A MOST DISTURBING PHENOMENON." HE HOPED THE PRESENT DEBATE WOULD TO CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST HIRING SUCH CRIMINALS. HE APPEALED TO ALL, IN THE NAME OF AFRICAN UNITY, TO ACT "IN HARMONY AND UNISON" SO THAT THE TRAGEDY IN BENIN WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. (REPEATED INFO ABIDJAN, CONAKRY, COTONOU, LIBREVILLE, LOME, RABAT)

6. REHABILITATION OF LEBANON'S HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM --

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USUN TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN APRIL 13 A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,272,000, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INITIAL US PAYMENT FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION OF LEBANON'S HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM.

7. TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUR GOODS --

THE UK, WHICH HELD CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS, IS CIRCULATING A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS TO BE TAKEN UP UNDER ECOSOC ITEM 7. (USUN 1099)

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